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Renata B. Hesse Antitrust Division U. S. Department of Justice 601 D Street NW Suite 1200 Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Re: Comments on the Microsoft Proposed Settlement Agreement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

Microsoft is a company that has long provided good products to consumers and businesses, as well as providing opportunities for other software companies to develop programs for the Windows platform. The provisions of the proposed settlement, worked out with one of the nation's top mediators, will be good for consumers, businesses, the tech sector and the economy as a whole.

The proposed settlement is fair. It proposes significant changes in the way Microsoft handles its software, in addition to preventing Microsoft from abusing the strength that it derives from its operating system. However, the proposed settlement also allows the company to continue innovating in all areas of software development.

I fully support the Department of Justice and the nine Attorney Generals for their efforts to finally put an end to this case and agree to a settlement that is in our nation's best interest.

Sincerely,

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